(*b*) whether the age restriction applies to the Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders in the districts;

(*c*) whether the Government have at any time relaxed the age restriction in respect of any appointment of Public Prosecutors; and if so, whether it was a general or special relaxation;

(*d*) what the consideration was which prompted the Government to permit these relaxations;

(*e*) whether the High Court or the District Magistrates and the District Judges concerned were consulted before giving such exemption; and if so, whether they favoured relaxation; and

(*f*) whether the Government propose to transfer the selection of Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders to the Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Except the Advocate-General, all other law officers of the Government in the City as well as in the mufassal, are required to vacate their office when they complete 60 years of age, unless the Government direct otherwise. In the case of law officers in the mufassal, the age-limit was 55 years till November last, when it was raised to 60 years. No upper age-limit has been prescribed in the case of the Advocate-General who, unlike the other law officers, is appointed by His Excellency the Governor in his discretion.

" (*c*) During the last three years, the Government have relaxed the age-limit for special reasons in certain individual cases; no general relaxation was sanctioned at any time.

" (*d*) The Government thought that the relaxation of the rule was necessary for the purpose of continuing the person in office owing to the exigencies of Government business.

" (*e*) In all such cases, relaxation of the age-limit was made on the recommendations of the Sessions Judge and the District Magistrate concerned.

" (*f*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether cases of relaxation are special and not general? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" It is only special and specially intended for the individual concerned."

Schools for the training of clerks and village officers.

* 95 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether schools for the training of clerks and village officers have been started by Government; and if so, what the number of such schools and the number of candidates so far trained are;

(*b*) what the expenditure incurred so far has been on these projects;

(*c*) whether it is proposed to continue these schools;

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(*d*) the nature and qualifications of the staff employed in these schools;

(*e*) whether the trainees receive stipends during the period of training;

(*f*) why the necessity for starting these schools was felt; and

(*g*) whether similar schools had been started at any time in the past?

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" (*a*) *to* (*g*) A note [a] containing the information is laid on the table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether these clerks and village officers are trained together or separate classes are held."

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" Separate schools are held for them."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know the nature of the training given and whether any syllabus has been prepared? "

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" Regarding the clerks, Madam, the note furnishes details that they are trained in office routine, in accounts matters and other things in outline; regarding village officers, the hon. member may note that these schools have been closed down as they were found to be not useful."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" My submission is whether any detailed syllabus is prepared on the topics on which clerks are to be educated? "

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" I cannot say off-hand now."

Motor Vehicles Inspectors.

* 96 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether service rules governing the recruitment, appointment, transfer, salaries, etc., of Motor Vehicles Inspectors have been framed; and if so, what they are;

(*b*) who the authority competent to exercise disciplinary control, including power to transfer them is;

(*c*) whether there have been occasions in recent months when the intervention of Government was sought in respect of transfer of some Motor Vehicles Inspectors; and if so, whether the Government intervened and altered the orders passed by the competent authority; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether such interference was exercised as an appellate authority or on their own volition?

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Yes. Motor Vehicles Inspectors are included in class VI of the Madras General Subordinate Service. Appointments to the post are

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 346–347 infra.